

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2011
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada. Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dave Aiazzi, Mike Carrigan, Mike Cate, Bob Larkin and Geno Martini.
Members Absent: John Breternitz and Bob Cashell. A quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Member Martini.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Carrigan advised the Board that the Poster Art Contest winners needed to get back to school and asked that Item 6 be moved before Item 4 on the agenda.

Upon motion by Member Martini, second by Member Cate, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the Board moved Item 6 before Item 4 and approved the agenda as amended.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POSTER ART CONTEST WINNERS (taken out of sequence)

Lora Richards, TMWA Administrator of Conservation and Community Education, presented the winning entries of the 10th annual Poster Art Contest and introduced the winners in attendance. The art contest, sponsored by the Washoe County School District, Family Pulse Magazine and Wild Island Family Adventure Park, is open to all Washoe County School District K-8 students. This year's theme was *Water is a Precious and Limited Resource – Save it Today so we have it Tomorrow!* Individual winners received Wild Island Mega Passes and U.S. savings bonds, and their respective schools received matching donation checks in varying amounts between \$50 and \$100. Amaya Rose, Van Gorder Elementary School, the first place winner in the 4 - 6 category, thanked the sponsors and the Board for having the contest and for the prizes. Winning artwork may be used in TMWA advertisements throughout the summer and will be displayed at various libraries in the Reno/Sparks area.

Chairman Carrigan thanked the students for their participation in the contest and expressed his appreciation for their artwork.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Peacock, a Reno resident, commented on potential water wasting activity at 5915 Tyrone Drive in Reno. He stated this location has their sprinklers set in a way that does not water plants, trees, or turf but rather the sidewalk and into the street. He said he has brought this matter to the attention of TMWA staff and asked the Board to look into the situation. Chairman Carrigan told Mr. Peacock the Board would look into his concerns.

5. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2011 MINUTES

Upon motion by Member Cate, second by Member Larkin, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the Board approved the April 20, 2011 minutes.

Chairman Carrigan opened the public hearing for the FY2012 budget.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 8

There was no public comment.

8. DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #175: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AND THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Tissier presented the final budget for FY2012 and the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The two changes incorporated into the proposed final budget from the tentative budget presented on April 20, 2011 were an additional six employees that voluntarily retired in addition to the nine already removed from the tentative budget and a slight adjustment to the contributions to the Truckee River Fund because of the reduction in operating expenses from the Voluntary Separation Program. There were no changes to the CIP or any other items in the budget. There were no questions from the Board.

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Aiazzi, second by Member Larkin, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the Board adopted Resolution #175: A resolution to adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and the five year Capital Improvement Plan.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING 2011 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Mike Pagni, Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the following two bills which could have potential impacts to TMWA:

AB 238 County Bond Bank. This bill had some opposition in testimony but TMWA lobbyists worked with various legislators on the issue, and, at this point, they are confident this bill will proceed with amendments that are satisfactory to TMWA.

AB 471 Prohibits local governments from loaning or transferring monies from enterprise

funds. An amendment was proposed that would have required any governmental agency that operated as an enterprise fund, such as TMWA, get approval from the Committee on Local Government Finance for any rate changes. That would have created default issues with TMWA bonds. TMWA Lobbyists worked to have this language removed so the bill no longer has the adverse impact on TMWA. Action has not been taken as yet, but Mr. Pagni anticipates it will move out of Government Affairs.

10. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER FY2011

Mr. Tissier reported that TMWA's financial picture has improved considerably over the prior two years, due to the hard work and dedication of staff in significantly reducing operating costs and the ample water supply which has resulted in increased hydroelectric revenue. He said that cash reserves have been preserved. Some capital improvement projects have been advanced but pricing is excellent, and staff is doing a very good job in managing the designs and costs. There were no questions from the Board.

Chairman Carrigan thanked Mr. Tissier for the good news and thanked TMWA staff for cutting costs when and where appropriate.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Foree reported that the water supply continues to look plentiful. All reservoirs on the Truckee River system are expected to fill and Lake Tahoe should get very close to its maximum elevation. He invited the Board members to attend TMWA's tenth anniversary celebration picnic to be held Saturday, June 11, at the Verdi Hydroelectric facility.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

13. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Board comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Carrigan adjourned the meeting at 9.52 a.m.

Approved by the TMWA Board of Directors in session on _____.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Cassell, Recording Secretary